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SUBJECT: FUTURE STATUS OF A.I.D. OPERATIONS

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1. GIVEN US LEGISLATIVE SANCTIONS RE INADEQUATE COMPENSATION, POSITIONS SET FORTH IN PARAS 2 AND 3 OF REFTEL B ARE ENTIRELY IN CONSONANCE WITH CT VIEWS ON HANDLING OF AID PROJECTS IN LIGHT OF PRESENT STATUS OF REYNOLDS NATIONALIZATION CASE. WE ARE CONTINUING TO STUDY WITH GOG VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES ON IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW AMSTERDAM AND GEORGETOWN ROAD PROJECTS, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF OTHER AUTHORIZED LOAN-FUNDED PROJECTS PROCEEDING NORMALLY. WE HAVE AVOIDED TAKING ANY INITIATIVES VIS-A-VIS GOG (A) ON MANPOWER PROJECT SINCE EARLY OCTOBER STUKEL VISIT AND (B) ON FOOD CROP SUBSECTOR PROJECT SINCE LAST WEEK. FOR PRESENT WE WILL SIMPLY LISTEN AND TAKE NO FOLLOW-UP ACTION WITH GOG IF WE ARE APPROACHED BY GOG ON EITHER OF THESE PROJECTS. GOG HAS NOT QUESTIONED AID FAILURE TO SEND TEAM ON MANPOWER PROJECT ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR LATE OCTOBER. AFFECTED MINISTRIES MAY INDEED HAVE DECIDED THEMSELVES TO HOLD OFF, PENDING FURTHER ATTEMPTS TO RESOLVE REYNOLDS SITUATION, RATHER THAN RUN RISK OF BEING TOLD OFFICIALLY THAT PROPOSED AID LOANS FOR NEW PROJECTS ARE IN LIMBO.

2. THRUST OF REFTEL (A) WAS NOT RPT NOT TO SUGGEST THAT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE BE OFFERED AS SWEETENER OR OFFSET TO COMPENSATION
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ARRANGEMENTS. WHAT WE HAD IN MIND WAS THAT THESE TWO PROJECTS

(MANPOWER AND FOOD CROPS) HAD ALREADY BEEN INCORPORATED IN FORWARD
PLANNING PRIOR TO ONSET OF REYNOLDS NATIONALIZATION PROBLEMS BASED
ON NORMAL JUSTIFICATION OF CONTRIBUTING TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT OF GUYANA. ASSUMING THAT NEGOTIATIONS REACH STAGE
WHERE GAP BETWEEN PARTIES POSITIONS HAS BEEN REDUCED TO PROPORTIONS
WHICH REQUIRE ESSENTIALLY QUOTE AN ACT OF GOOD FAITH UNQUOTE
BY BOTH SIDES TO CLOSE GAP, WE WOULD HOPE TO BE ABLE TO MENTION
AS EVIDENCE OF SUCH FAITH IN ON OUR PART, WILLINGNESS TO EXPEDITE
FURTHER STEPS TOWARDS SUBMISSION FOR AID/W CONSIDERATION AND
AUTHORIZATION OF THESE TWO PROPOSED LOANS ONCE A SETTLEMENT MEETING
MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF BOTH SIDES HAS BEEN REACHED ON REYNOLDS CASE
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